

REMARKS

Prior to entry of the above amendment, claims 1-12 and 14-41 were pending in this application. Claims 30 and 39 have been amended, and claims 16-29, 34-38, 40 and 41 have been canceled with this Amendment. Accordingly, following entry of the above amendments, claims 1-12, 14, 15 and 31-33, as well as amended claims 30 and 39, will be pending. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue canceled subject matter at a later date in this or a related application.

The amendment to claims 30 adds no new matter, this claim merely being rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the rejected base claim 16. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example in canceled claim 16. The amendment to claims 39 adds no new matter, this claim merely being rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the claims 1, 2, 6 and 7, from which it depends. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example in previously presented claims 1, 2, 6 and 7.

Allowed Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's finding that claim 1-12, 14, 15, and 31-33 appear free of the prior art. Applicants further gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's finding that claim 30 and 39 are similarly free of the prior art, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 30 and 39 have been amended to be in independent form as suggested by the Examiner.

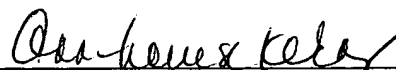
Applicants have canceled rejected claims 16-29, 34-38, 40 and 41 with this Action. Therefore, only allowable claims are currently pending and Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in good condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

This Response and Amendment is being filed before August 28, 2005, within two months of the mailing date of the Final Action. No further fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, however the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 08-0219 for any required fee necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

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